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GERMAN ATTACKS CRUMPLE UNDER HAIL OF STEEL

Our Allies Hold Every Yard Won in Desperate Fighting.

SAVAGE BATTLE RAGES

Berlin Admits that the British Forces Pierced the Teuton Lines in Roex Sector.

(By the International News Service.) London, May 13.—Both against the British and the French, Hindenburg during the last twenty-four hours threw division after division in massed attacks. Everywhere these fresh troops met an unshakable wall of steel. Cut to pieces by the barrage fire and the machine gun fusillades of the "poilus" and the "Tommyes" the Germans streamed back.

Every yard of ground won in yesterday's fighting was maintained by the entente troops. At some points they added to their gains. Prisoners were made both by the British and French.

In the ruins of Bullecourt village a savage battle continues. As at Fresnoy, a week ago, the Teutons are hitting back with desperate fury.

From the British headquarters report it is not clear how far the Australians have forced their way into the battered hamlet. "Fighting continues at Bullecourt," says the statement. The German war office report contains the same laconic reference to this fiercest of battles now under way on the Anglo-Teuton front.

Official admission came from Berlin today that the British penetrated the Teuton lines at Roex, protecting the center of the Wotan line. Here it was that Sir Douglas Haig's men yesterday captured the chemical works and the cemetery.

Except for those at Roex, all British attacks yesterday broke down with heavier losses, according to Berlin's official report.

Far to the south, before Laon, the French today had their hands full beating back German counter-attacks. The plateau of Craonne, considerable in its strategic importance to Vimy Ridge, was the objective of unceasing onslaughts by the crown prince's troops. They were all in vain.

MANY FLAGS STOLEN FROM HOMES HERE

American and Allies' Standards Included in Bold Thefts.

An epidemic of flag stealing is on in Washington. Hardly a day goes by that the police do not receive a report of the Stars and Stripes or a flag of the allies being stolen. Special efforts are being made to catch these thieves.

The latest one to report is Miss Cornelia Aldis, of 2019 R street northwest. The second story front balcony of her home was decorated with the American, French, British and Italian flags, and some one climbed to the balcony early yesterday morning and removed them.

"I think that they were taken by some German," said Miss Aldis, "because after taking the flags they tore flowers out of some boxes that were on the balcony, which was done purely out of spite. They must have been very anxious to obtain the flags, because they were in full view of anyone passing."

Mrs. C. W. Smith, of 1812 Kilbourne street northwest, also reported to the police late last night that some one had stolen a large American flag which was displayed in front of her home.

BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER RECRUITS U. S. BRIDE

Comes with War Mission, but Falls Cupid's Victim.

(By the International News Service.) New York, May 13.—Lieut. Commander George Ellis Stuart, of the British navy, officer aboard a warship which conveys the Balfour mission to the United States, has recruited a bride in the United States. Now they "are going to help the Germans together." The statement was made by the bride-to-be, Miss Katherine Miller, daughter of J. J. and Mrs. Thompson Miller, of Flushing, Long Island.

Announcement of the engagement was made today. The marriage will take place some day this week. At the time, Miss Miller let it be known that she had qualified as a Red Cross nurse and will go to France for hospital work during the war.

Lieut. Commander Stuart met Miss Miller for the first time at a reception at Flushing, Long Island, on the evening of April 28. He is a native of Scotland, a graduate of Oxford and about 30 years old.

FINDS BIBLE AN UNSAFE BANK.

Pittsburgh, May 13.—Mrs. David Lyle, of Homestead, thought the Bible was one place a burglar would never look for money. She placed a \$50 bill in the family Bible and it stood on the table in the parlor for several months.

Last night thieves entered. This morning the Bible was found on the floor with the \$50 bill missing.

LEAVES 117 DESCENDANTS.

Menominee, Wis., May 13.—Mrs. Dorothea Dehnhoff died here, leaving 117 living descendants. She was 82 years old and is survived by eight children, sixty-nine grandchildren and forty-four great grandchildren. She was a native of Germany and had lived here thirty years.

ADMIRAL'S DAUGHTER TO WED.

Newport, R. I., May 13.—The engagement of Miss Fletcher, daughter of Admiral F. F. Fletcher, to Lieut. Commander Kaye, of the navy, was announced here this afternoon.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily notices of births, marriages, and deaths among the people of Washington.

These notices appear today on page 8.

"Buy a Liberty Bond," Official Mail Will Urge

Secretary McAdoo has enlisted the cooperation of other Cabinet officers, and all governors of States in giving wide publicity to a new slogan for the \$2,000,000,000 offering of liberty loan bonds.

"In order to give the liberty loan the widest possible publicity," says his letter, "it would be an excellent idea to have all envelopes stamped in red with the following line: 'Your patriotic duty—buy a liberty loan bond.' I shall expect that this be done in all the bureaus and branches of the Treasury Department."

TO PRESS FOOD CONTROL PLANS

Representative Lever Expects Early Action by Congress.

Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the food committee of the Council of National Defense, will confer today with Chairman Lever, of the House Committee on Agriculture, before the committee resumes its hearings on the administration food control bill. Although Mr. Hoover has appeared before the House committee both he and Mr. Lever have since conferred with President Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Houston and they will "get together" on what the President has told them he wants done and done quickly.

"The Chicago wheat gambling has strengthened us as nothing else could," said Mr. Lever last night in predicting early and favorable action on the pending food measures when the revenue bill is out of the way. "If we needed any arguments in favor of giving President Wilson and Secretary Houston full power to control prices the wheat pit has furnished it."

Large delegations of producers, manufacturers and distributors will be heard by Mr. Lever's committee today. One of the principal interests to be heard will be the manufacturers of milling machinery. Information is sought from them as to the possibility of the early delivery of machinery to produce mixed flour.

Mixed flour for the making of a modified war bread is one of the measures Secretary Houston strongly advocates for the conservation of the wheat supply.

Producers, manufacturers, packers, storage men and distributors will be heard during the week. Telegrams have been sent to representative men in all branches of food production and distribution asking them to appear. Unlike many of the other interests, the farmers have asked Chairman Lever for an opportunity to present their case fully.

JOFFRE FETED IN MONTREAL

French Canadians Lead Cheering Thousands' Enthusiastic Welcome.

(By the International News Service.) Montreal, Quebec, May 13.—A reception, one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever extended by this city to a foreign visitor, was given today to Marshal Joffre, of France, upon his arrival here from Boston. Members of the marshal's party declared it equaled if it really did not surpass the welcomes shown to the war hero in New York and the other cities of the United States.

Thousands had gathered at the station to await the coming of the hero of the Marne and as he set foot upon the platform French Canadians led the lusty cheers. Thousands of others lined the streets and demonstrated wildly as the French commander rode by en route to his hotel escorted by a committee composed of high officials of the Dominion and of this city.

SIX AUTOISTS KILLED WHEN HIT BY EXPRESS

Another Fatally Injured in Accident Near Chicago.

(By the International News Service.) Chicago, May 13.—Six persons, three men and three women, were killed and another man so seriously injured that he will die, when a Rock Island fast passenger train struck a touring car near Midlothian this afternoon.

The body of one victim was so badly mutilated that it had not been identified several hours after the tragedy. Guy A. Ferraro, a real estate man, who was driving the car, was rushed to St. Francis Hospital in a serious condition.

The party was returning to Chicago after viewing some building lots in a new subdivision. The train was going at such speed that it was only crossing a half mile from the town of Midlothian. Three bodies were still fast on the pilot of the engine.

Balfour and Commissioners Listen to Sermon on War

New York, May 13.—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign secretary, and his fellow commissioners heard an exposition of the idealistic and contrary sides of the war from the lips of the Right Rev. Charles R. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, today. They attended services in the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Inside the Cathedral very simple decorations greeted the foreign visitors. On either side of the chancel hung the group of banners of the thirteen allies with the Stars and Stripes placed above all. American and British anthems were sung by a choir of thirty-two boys and twenty men.

SMALL PLOT YIELDS \$1,100.

Fresno, Cal., May 13.—J. W. Brunson, of Lombore, has just sold his crop of cabbage, lettuce and onions growing on eight and one-half acres of land, for \$1,100. Brunson prepared his land and planted the garden crops during the winter and spring. After four months' work he can now devote his time to other crops. The planting was on rich river bottom land.

Compartment Drawing-room Sleepers.

Baltimore & Ohio to New York, open 10 p. m. Leave Union Station, Washington, 12:25 a. m.—Adv.



ALL READY TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY. —The Mazon.

SHIP BUILDING "DRIVE" STARTS

Administration Leaders Propose \$1,000,000 Fund in Urgent Deficiency Bill.

Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals and William Denman, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, today will bring a drive upon Congress to obtain \$1,000,000,000 for the administration's gigantic commercial ship-building campaign.

The two chiefs of the government shipping corporation will appear before the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ask that the army and navy urgent deficiency bill, already carrying appropriations totaling \$2,000,000,000, be amended so as to provide the desired \$1,000,000,000. By inserting a provision for this in the army and navy bill it is believed the measure can be put through Congress ten days earlier than if it were to go in as a separate bill.

The army and navy bill has already been passed by the House, and is now before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The administration's entire ship-building program hinges upon the prospective \$1,000,000,000 appropriation. The United States Shipping Board at present has approximately \$50,000,000 available for the purchase or construction of merchant ships for the trans-Atlantic trade, but this would be sufficient for only a small part of the building program.

The shipping board made official announcement last night of its award to the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Company of a contract to build eight steel ships at a cost of \$10,771,300. Each of the vessels are to be of 8,500 tons, dead weight capacity, and are to be built at a contract price of \$133 per ton.

This is the largest shipping contract thus far placed by the government and is the beginning of momentous steps to rush ahead operations in all yards on full time basis. Other contracts already drafted and ready to be signed are to be awarded within a short time.

Shipbuilders in preliminary conferences with the Shipping Board have been made acquainted with the demands the government will make upon them and stand ready to set the machinery of their plants in motion at maximum speed as soon as contracts tentatively arranged for are awarded.

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TURKEY PROMISES TO END KILLING OF JEWS

New York, May 13.—The Turkish government has promised to stop further massacres and pillaging in Palestine, according to information received here by the Zionist Provisional Committee.

That promise, it was said, had been gained from Turkish authorities by the Zionist organizations in neutral countries who intervened to stop the slaughter of the Jews in Palestine.

U-BOATS ATTACK AMERICAN SHIP

Gunnery of Mongolia Successfully Ward Off Two Onslaughts by Germans.

New York, May 13.—The steamship Mongolia, of the Atlantic Transport Line, was attacked twice by German submarines, once crossing the Atlantic and the second time returning, according to the story told at an Atlantic port today by the American naval gunners assigned to protect the vessel on the high seas.

The steamship, the gunners are confident, had a narrow escape from being sunk on the return voyage. They related that while off the Sicily Islands, about 12 o'clock on the night of May 4, and with the moon shining, the lookout discerned the white wake of a torpedo en route to strike the ship. The missile, it is declared, passed close to the ship.

The gunners, upon hearing the shout of the lookout, sprang to their positions and brought their defense guns to bear on the spot where the torpedo was supposed to have come. No signs of a submarine, however, could be seen. The gun was discharged and a careful watch maintained for some time, but the submarine gave no further evidence of herself.

In telling of the attack on the voyage over, the gunners related that they saw the conning tower of a U-boat off the port bow and the six-inch stern gun was fired, the tower, however, having disappeared in the meanwhile. Then a periscope projected itself above the water off the starboard bow and the gunners fired again. The periscope immediately disappeared, and on the surface of the water there arose a white gas or vapor.

The gunners were convinced from this that they had succeeded in sending one of the Kaiser's U-boats to the bottom of the sea for good. The gunners were confident that the attack on the way over was conducted by only one submarine and that she dived right under the Mongolia in order to secure a more advantageous position from which to launch a torpedo.

The Mongolia's gunners number seventeen men, under command of Lieut. Ware, U. S. N., and they include men making the best records at target practice in the Atlantic fleet. They could hardly repress their pride today in telling of their exploits.

The officers and the gun crew of the Mongolia will be the guests at a dinner at the Warboard next Wednesday in honor of their having fired the first shot of the war between the United States and Germany.

Great Britain Now Ready To Take Over All Saloons

London, May 13.—The British government has practically decided to buy up the entire drink trade of the country. The Cabinet and other members of the government are in favor of a policy of state purchase, state control and local option. In other words, a popular vote on prohibition after the nationalization of the drink trade. The prime minister views the drink trade as a national danger which should be put under control. He wishes control and restriction after the war so England shall not relapse to its old drinking habits.

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France Expects Germany To Pay Big Indemnity

Paris, May 13.—The report of the finance committee of the chamber of deputies on the bill providing for a new income tax, as a substitute for all other direct taxes, shows that the war has caused a comparatively small increase in taxes in France.

It emphasizes the purpose to effect a peace settlement which will impose upon Germany the chief burden of meeting the enormous expenditures resulting from the war.

ARMY BILL HAS SMOOTH SAILING

House and Senate Expected to Agree on Conscription Soon.

The House of Representatives having settled the question of the enlistment of a reserve force of four divisions for foreign service, reversing itself and accepting the Senate's provisions on this point exactly as passed by that body, leaves the future course of that measure, through succeeding conferences and up to final passage, much clearer.

There is every reason to believe now that the next report from the conferees to the House will announce practically complete accord between the two bodies. For this reason it is admitted by leaders of both houses that the President probably will receive the conscription bill, ready for his signature, by the middle of the current week.

The President, it is believed, will promptly sign the bill and settle the question of the personnel of the volunteer army's commanders at a later date. There is nothing in the phraseology of the bill, even with the complete acquiescence of the House in the so-called Roosevelt amendment, to compel the army authorities to appoint Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to any military command in the four division force. There is nothing in the bill which can be taken to mean that Colonel Roosevelt has anything to do with the organization. Nevertheless the victory of Saturday in the House and of ten days ago in the Senate was a Roosevelt victory.

Coming to the interpretation Washington puts on the situation and in Washington it is believed that the whole country puts exactly the same construction on the action of Congress.

BRITISH RAID U-BOAT BASE

Fliers and Warships Bombard Zeebrugge from Air and Sea.

(By the International News Service.) London, May 13.—Zeebrugge, the German naval base on the Belgian coast, popularly called in Britain "Pest Base," was subjected to a terrific bombardment by British warships and fliers early yesterday morning.

Unofficial dispatch reports sixty-three persons were killed and upwards of 100 wounded and two submarine sheds blown up.

The British admiralty's account describes the attack as successful. It says four enemy flying machines were destroyed and five others were driven out of control. The German admiralty admits there was no loss of life and the damage was small. It adds two British machines were shot down.

It is from Zeebrugge the German "mosquito craft" have been venturing forth in their recent raids on Dover and Calais, which stirred up as much criticism of the British admiralty. Shortly before midnight yesterday the vice admiral in charge of the Dover defense sent out a portion of his naval forces and a strong squadron of the royal navy, and set to work to punish the "pesters."

The raiders did not find the base unprepared. As soon as the war craft came within range of the shore batteries a hurricane of shells was loosed upon them and it was kept up all through the attack. Meanwhile the airplanes were met by a powerful German squadron which had ascended at the first shot. No fewer than fifteen battles in the air were fought.

The admiralty admits two British machines failed to return. One of these descended in Dutch territory and was interned. The weather was foggy. The German announcement says the British "monitors" shelled the base "from a great distance."

LATIN COUNTRIES WILL SUPPLY FOOD

Pan-American Union Mobilizing Vast Resources of Southern Neighbors.

This government's increased food production campaign has been extended to Latin America.

This was announced here last night when John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, stated that all American nations from Brazil northward were being urged to supply the United States and the entente allies with millions of dollars' worth of foodstuffs immediately.

Federal officials in charge of the food campaign expect exports of food totaling approximately \$1,000,000,000 worth from those nations. More than three-fourths of it would be shipped direct to England and France.

"The countries of Latin and South America can decisively help, if not completely solve, the future food problem facing the United States and its European allies," Mr. Barrett said.

Plans collected by the Pan-American Union in a survey of the possibilities of increased food production in Latin America, as made public yesterday in a preliminary report, show that the food exports of those nations could be more than doubled within one year by the United States co-operating with the Latin-American governments in a food-reducing campaign that would include practically the entire new world.

BARS FLIRTING IN UNIFORM.

Pittsburgh, May 13.—The United States army uniform was not made as an aid in flirting, according to Federal Judge Orr. He sentenced Benjamin Ober, 36, of Lebanon, Pa., to serve one day in jail for using an army uniform for that purpose.

READY TO FLOAT FIRST BILLIONS OF LIBERTY LOAN

Campaign to Raise the Big War Loan for the Allies Begins Today.

EXPECT QUICK RESPONSE

Plans of Secretary McAdoo Give Every Consideration to the "Little Fellow."

The campaign for the sale of the first \$2,000,000,000 of the \$5,000,000,000 "Liberty loan" begins this morning. In the plans of Secretary McAdoo primary thought has been given to "the little fellow." He is the man expected to come forward with the old sugar bowl and turn in to the United States Treasury the money with which Uncle Sam will help her allies to fight.

A Treasury Department statement was issued here last night designating the agencies at which the bonds may be purchased. The list includes every big city in the country, but the Federal reserve banks in Washington, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Richmond, and Atlanta are specified.

One point was made plain. As soon as the bond is purchased there will be no delay in the receipt of it. Allotments will be made as soon after June 1 as possible. The reserve bank in the city in which the bond is purchased will send the bond. Where the purchase is made in some city having no reserve bank the Treasury Department will forward the bond.

Just where the little fellow gets the best of it is pointed out in a significant paragraph of the Secretary's statement. He announces that he will reserve the right to reject any subscriptions or to make allotment of part of the amount subscribed for, and to allot on applications for smaller amounts.

Precedent for Plan.

This principle was followed in the loan raised by the government in the Spanish-American war. That bond issue of more than \$2,000,000,000 was raised entirely by small subscriptions just as it is hoped this one will be.

Large numbers of National Banks, private bankers, and department stores throughout the country have patriotically offered to receive and transmit without expense to the purchaser applications for the loan. The loan prohibits the allowance of commissions on subscriptions.

"It takes money to win wars," said Secretary McAdoo in his statement yesterday afternoon. He emphasized the fact that the sooner the loan was subscribed just so much sooner would the war end and the slaughter of life cease.

"We have no content with a subscription of \$2,000,000,000. We must over-subscribe this loan as an indication that America is stirred to the depths. Let us not endeavor success by complacent optimism," said the Secretary.

"Provide the government with the funds needed for the conduct of the war and give notice to the enemies of the United States that we have millions to mortgage in the cause of Liberty. Buy a Liberty Bond today; do not put it off until tomorrow. Every dollar provided quickly and expended wisely will shorten the war and save human life."

SEIZED GERMAN SHIPS READY TO SERVE U. S.

Shipping Board Rushing Plans and Additional Contracts Are Awarded.

Twelve of the seized German vessels, fully repaired, will be ready at the end of this week to be pressed into the Atlantic service to carry supplies of all kinds to the allies of the United States. Most of these vessels are anchored at New York and are of comparatively small tonnage.

As much as the vessels are being turned over to the service of the allies for immediate use as soon as they have been placed in shape, the names of the ships of the countries they will serve are being withheld, for military reasons. The shipping board estimates that within 100 days all of the 60,000 German tonnage and 15,000 Austrian tonnage will have been repaired and in use.

The shipping board is rushing ahead its plans to quickly build as many additional vessels and ship ships as it will be possible for shipyards to construct. The board announced yesterday the award of contracts for eight steel ships, each of 6,000 tons, to the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. The contract price for these ships was \$133 per ton. Other contracts already drafted will be placed within a few days.

Women Replace Men As Chefs and Bootblacks

New York, May 13.—More positions are opening daily to women as a result of the war. Last week a class of young women as apprentice chefs was started at the McAlpin. It meant that a woman chef of a big hotel is now a possibility as a result of the draft law.

Women bootblacks, content already at work in this hotel, a uniform for "bellgirls" is being designed now.

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